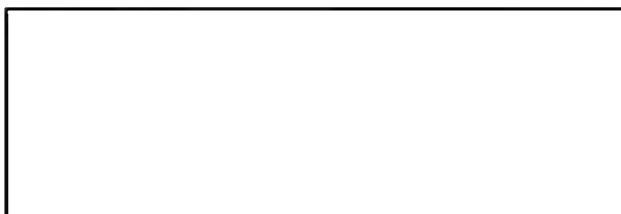


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I am writing to request that you accord a leave of absence to Professor [redacted] so that he may accept a call to work with this agency on matters of extreme importance to the national security. Knowing Professor [redacted] academic commitments, it is with regret that we ask for his services. However, he has unusual qualifications which make him very important to the essential work of this agency.

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[redacted] I am sure that you and the University [redacted] will realize that you are performing a national service in releasing Professor [redacted] for this work.

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Sincerely,

Walter B. Smith
Director

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